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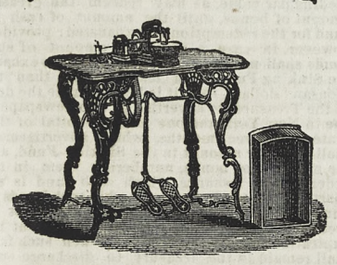

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### THE WORN-OUT FONT OF TYPE.

I'm sitting by my desk, George,
Before me on the floor
There lies a worn-out font of type,
Full twenty thousand score:
And many months have passed, George,
Since they were bright and new,
And many are the tales they've told—
The false, the strange, the true.

What tales of horror they have told,
Of tempest and of wreck;
Of murder in the midnight hour,
Of war full many a "speck!"
Of ships that, lost away at sea,
Went down before the blast;
Of stifled cries of agony,
As life's last moments passed.

Of earthquakes and of suicides,
Of bank defaulters, broken banks,
And banking systems rotten,
Of boilers bursting, steamboats snagged,
Of riots duels fought;
Of robbers with their prey escaped,
Of thieves, their booty caught,

Of flood, and fire, and accident,
Those worn out types have told,
And how the pestilence has swept
The youthful and the old;
Of marriages, of births and deaths,
Of things to please or vex us;
Of one man's jumping overboard,
Another gone to Texas.

They've told us how sweet summer days
Have faded from our view;
How Autumn's chilling winds have swept
The leaf-crowned forest through;
How Winter's snow hath come and gone—
Dark reign of storm and strife—
And how the smiling Spring hath warmed
The pale flowers back to life.

I can't pretend to mention half
My inky friends have told,
Since shining bright and beautiful
They issued from the mold—
How unto some they joy have brought,
To others griefs and tears;
Yet faithfully the record kept
Of fast receding years.

### THE SCAR ON THE HAND.

Lure Delano sat by the window in Mrs. Bartlet's drawing-room, the crimson shadow of the curtains falling over her brow and cheeks, and her dimpled chin resting on a beautiful hand that was almost faultless. It was a plump, white hand, the blue veins showing through the delicate skin; fingers long and tapering, and rose-hued under nails. She wore a black dress, and the wide, loose sleeve falling back, showed the marvelous whiteness of her arm. But just below the wide band of yellow gold that encircled her wrist, on the rosy palm of the hand was set an unsightly scar. It glowed—a red light of warning—under Carl Leeson's eyes, and stopped the avowal of love that trembled on his lips. "Laura," he said, a moment before, in very loving tones—"Laura," he said now, with a different accent, "you never told me the story of that scar on your hand."

She put the other hand over her eyes for a moment, as if to shut out some unpleasant sight, and shuddered from head to foot.

"There is a story, is there not? And you will tell me, will you not?"

His voice sounded to her like mockery, and her lips quivered when she thought how she loved him.

Was it all in vain, then, that she put on her brightest smiles, and let fair promises lurk in her lightest words? If she told him the story, would he go way from her and make no sign, or would he take her in his arms, and pity and love her? He was watching her curiously as she leaned back in the shadow.

"Then you won't trust me with the story, Laura?" he said at length.

She had become deathly pale, but her voice was firm, as she replied in the moment of pause, when he withdrew his eyes from her.

"I will tell you the story of that scar, though it is not a pleasant one to tell, if you will answer me one question first."

"What is it?" he said, smiling gaily.

"Will you answer me truly, Carl?"

It was the first time she had called him by that name, and a thrill of delight ran through all his veins.

"You know I could not do otherwise, Laura," he said softly, leaning toward her in the shadow.

"Then tell me if you love me, Carl?"

Not the faintest semblance of a blush stained her cheek, though a warm blush ran up to his very forhead.

"Yes, I love you. Love you!" he repeated, dwelling on each word with a woman's tenderness of expression when she bends over her dead child.

Laura listened, holding her breath, and she translated the tones aright. Then she dropped the curtains to ward off the soft wind that stirred her hair, and folding her hands in her lap she began her story:

"Ten years ago, I married Varick Delano. I did not love the man, though half the young girls of my own age were envious of my lot; but rather I was forced into the act by circumstances over which I had no control. I sometimes thought he exercised over my mind an uncanny power and since then I know it! Our life was not entirely miserable, though he was terribly jealous of my words and looks. If I was ill and sent for the physician—a young, but intelligent and very pleasant man—he would stay in the room listening carefully to every word and weighing every movement. If the old minister of our congregation called, he would refuse to leave the room, although he would sit down at the window furthest from us, and pretend to be looking out into the lawn I knew it was a mere pretense, for I felt that he never ceased watching me day or night, when awake. I used to wake up sometimes in the night to find the room brilliantly lighted, and my husband staring at me with a look in his eyes that almost quenched my breath. But I did not know till long afterwards the meaning of those looks. You can imagine that my life began to become of long torture; but the worst was to come. One night, seven years after we were married, I went to bed feverish and wakeful, and finally got up to procure a glass of water. As I passed the head of the bed, Varick suddenly opened his eyes, and caught me by the wrist, and bit a piece of flesh from my hand! That is the meaning of the curious scar, Mr. Leeson."

"But, surely, Mrs. Delano, he was out of his senseses!" said Carl, in a horrified voice.

"He had never been in his senses since we married, nor for long before. He had been in an insane asylum for two years after he reached manhood, but no one told me. His brother was his only living relative, and from some undiscoverable motive, he had refused to enlighten me. This was the reason of his senseless jealousy, and of the hatred he felt toward me at the last—which, nevertheless, was more welcome than his love had been. I came very near committing a crime that night, but a higher power restrained my hand. I sprung away from him as his teeth unclosed, and siezing a pistol, which he had loaded and placed on the dressing-table the night before, in the terror of the moment I fired. What happened next I never knew, for I fainted. He had fled from the room, but they tracked him by his blood, and the next morning he was put in an insane asylum. Three months after, he escaped, and for one whole year I remained in constant terror of the man who had been my husband. At the end of that time his brother brought news of his death and burial; and, so for two years have been free, and for one little moment, Carl, I have been happy."

She waited, then, leaning back in the shadow, while a soft blush stole to her cheek, like the gold of the sunshine to the heart of a wild rose.

Just then, when Carl Leeson had made up his mind to marry Laura Delano, throwing old memories to the winds, the curtains stirred, and something whispered:

"Laura!"

"Oh, Carl!" she said, a wild wave of despair sweeping over her mind. "Save me! It is his ghost!"

And then a bony, colorless hand pulled the crimson curtains apart; a white, haunted face peered into the room, and from the bloodless lips came the words:

"My wife! I have found her at last!"

And he stepped into the room through the open window.

For one single moment Laura Delano clung to the man she had loved, and then whispering: "Remember—Carl—you—did—make me—happy!" she fell dead at his feet.

Of course, Basil Delano had deceived his brother's wife—whether out of pity or out of hate, we shall never know; and as he had escaped, finally, a second time, from the distant asylum, where his brother had thought him quite secure, a tragedy was the result.

Carl Leeson cut one sunny curl from above the white brow, and wore it next to his heart as long as he lived—and he never married.

When he died a month ago, his last words were:

"She said I made her happy, and I loved her!"

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ONE of the largest Atlantic steamers ever built has been floated from the shipbuilding yard of Laird Brothers, Birkenhead, England. The vessel has been named the Spain and is to form one of the National Steamship Company's line between Liverpool and New York. Her length is 437 feet.

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IN a famous horse case in Binghamton, N. Y., the attorney asked a veterinary surgeon, "Have you ever made any examinations in the abdominal regions?" To which the witness replied, "No, all of my examinations have been made in Broome county."

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A LAND GRAB.—The New York *World* says: The Legislature of Texas has been doing a little in the land-grab way itself. It has been passing "an Act to encourage the speedy construction of a railway through the State of Texas to the Pacific Ocean;" it being a firm persuasion apparently of the learned body that the State has that body of water as one of its boundaries. The amount of land granted is 22,016,000 acres, a territory almost equal to the States of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined. To balance this intolerable deal of real estate six millions in thirty-year eight per cent. bonds are likewise given the lucky corporators. Governor Davis on the 24th ult. vetoed the whole affair, very neatly putting the little game of the company thus: "They propose that the State shall build the road but themselves shall own it;" which is the doctrine of State aid in a nut-shell.

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IT IS estimated by Mr. Delmar that about 40,000,000 bushels of breadstuffs, or one-thirtieth part of the total grain crop of the United States, is annually made into whiskey. The quantity of proof spirits capable of being extracted from a bushel of grain depends much upon the skill of the distiller. As much as seventeen quarts has been produced from one bushel. The average in good distilleries, with all the modern improvements, is from twelve to fourteen quarts; but the general average in all the distilleries in the country is very much less. Strychnine and other powerful agents are sometimes introduced in the process of mashing, for the purpose of increasing the production. In 1870 the total Federal revenues from spirits, including production, license, stamp, sale, and all other taxes, amounted to $56,000,000. This leaves out of view fermented liquors, such as wine and beer, and omits all custom duties.

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MECHANICAL RECREATIONS.—A writer on "Mechanical Recreations," in the *Scientific American*, offers this sound advice: "Every man who can afford it should supply his boys with tools, and a room where they may be cared for. A boy takes to tools as naturally as green apples, or forbidden amusements; and, ten to one, if he has a chance to develop his mechanical tastes and gratify them to their full extent, his tendencies to vicious courses will remain undeveloped. Such a result is enough to compensate for all the expense and trouble the indulgence we recommend would entail; while the chances that the early development of his constructive faculties may, in this mechanical age, be the means by which he may ultimately climb to fame and fortune are not small.

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The total tobacco crrop of 1870 amounted to 273,775,000 pounds, estimated to be worth $35,206,325. Virginia produced 65,000,000 pounds; Kentucky, 40,000,000; New Jersey, 100,000. Connecticut produced 6,500,000 pounds, with an average yield to the acre of 1,450 pounds, which sold at an average price of 27 cents; while the average yield per acre of Virginia was only 418 pounds, and the average price but 10 cents. The product of New York was 8,500,000 pounds, which was an average yield of 800 pounds to the acre, bringing an average price of 14 cents. The cash returns per acre for land in tobacco ranged from 41,80 in Virginia to $391,50 in Connecticut, taking the average of each State's product. Ohio tobacco brought the lowest average price, 6 cents, and Florida the highest, 29 cents.

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THE territory already given to the Pacific railroads of this country is larger in area than that of France! It would accommodate the entire population of the United States. The land we have given to railway corporations in this country is greater by thirty millions of acres than the united areas of France, Italy and the United Kingdom, which have an aggregate population of 90,000,000 of persons. *Trade Journal.*

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IN one of the pleasant villages in Western New York, the other day, a certain worthy housekeeper thought she would call on her nearest neighbor. She was about entering the door, but hesitated, thinkling that the family might be taking their supper. "Come in," said the hostess, "we are having tableaux." "Yes," replied the visitor, "I thought I smelt 'em."

### COARSE GOLD.

As in the silence of night, the ear catches the least sound, so, in the solitude of reflection, the mind detects soft and delicate strains of thought, unheard in the bustle of the crowd.

The doors of fictitious pleasure are often closed and barred against us, that we may be forced to seek the approaches to real and substantial happiness.

While laboring for some great reward, we learn that we receive an infinite number of lesser ones; the lesser gems clustering about the dazzling brilliant.

God gives to man; man't greatest happiness must consist in doing and giving to others.

This growth of earth-experience seems like that of the oak rooted in rock; hard and blind work is it forcing the way into the ledge crevices; yet that root must so first descend ere the trunk can in the sunlight rear itself—ere it can rejoice in leaf, bud, blossom and fruit.

The cynic, while despising his fellows, forgets that without them to hear and appreciate his sarcasm, he would become through isolation, the most miserable of mortals.

Wit, humor, and badinage need to be kept under careful control. We endure and expect the playful scratch from our cat's paw, but not her savage bite.

To brood over ills which may happen in the future, is to make of imagination an ever present reality.

What we think we need is riches; our real desire is for place, esteem, regard, appreciation, love, in the heart of humanity.

Humanity, each individual shut up within himself—shut up in reticence, secrecy and selfishness—becomes as barren of true life and emotion as the dry sands of the sea shore. Humanity, honestly revealed one to another as to inmost thoughts, emotions and aspirations, becomes the closer knit together from its very separateness.

In striving for the attainment of any object, the heart must be in the work for such attainment, and not set on the object.

In the bitter contest with self, the best man may at times fall. The true hero will then set to work, and for himself build another pedestal, broader, stronger, and higher than the last.

The intellect that bases all aspiration and effort on the hope of winning some one exclusive love, leaves the shrine of Infinite Nature, and bows to that of the inferior and finite.

In the hearts of others a manly self-reliance lays corner-stones of regard, esteem, remembrance, love.

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REMARKABLE BALLOON ASCENSION.—A reporter of the Titusville *Herald* had a rather unusual experience at a balloon ascension at Corry, of which he writes:

I was special reporter for the late balloon ascension here, and I therefore had the best seat that could be afforded me for the occasion. Our car was a small basket, and there not being room for myself and the engineer inside, I simply tied a rope round my neck and hung over the outside. All things being ready they cut the ropes, and away we went, sky high. I have heard of "Ascenionists," "Second Day Advent," "Up in a Balloon, Boys," "How is that for High?" and even of men being hung, but I never before experienced so much in a few minutes. We arrived at Constellation, when the machine stopped, and not having any sand bags to throw over, it was necessary to throw over something as near sand as possible, as nothing else would cause us to rise higher. It was ascertained that I was made of clay, and orders were given to cut the rope. My hair stood up; I knew it would ease my neck, but I was afraid it might spoil my boots when I landed. However the rope was cut, my hair still standing, which fortunately caught on the willow basket, and we went up to the moon. We now resolved to start for home as we were out of gas. The engineer tied the rope around my feet, threw me over and held the rope in a basket. We went down as fast as I wanted to. When almost down I caught the end of a lightning rod in my mouth, swung my feet around and landed on a roof safely. I came near jerking the old balloon to pieces, stopping so quick. I shall not go up again.

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IOWA.—The Iowa Democratic State Convention met on the 14th inst., at Des Moines, and adopted a platform accepting the Vallandigham resolutions, and in favor of taxing the property of corporations the same as private individuals. A full State ticket was nominated.

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BIG DRY CREEK, June 25.

EDITOR EXPOSITOR:—Ina seems to be on the quibble, as usual. He says that I was the first to throw down the gauntlet and appeals to the county officials to bear him out in his assumption. Why this appeal to the county officials, I know not, but this I do know: that I stated the truth.

Ina reminds me very much of an idiotic terrapin, with a coal of fire on its back. He turns and twists in every direction but always fails to find relief.

He says my arguments for subsidy were trite, yet he dares not attempt to refute them. He, it is true, says they are false, but only advances his word to substantiate his intenible position, and he also thinks it would be an insult to the intelligence of the community to answer such stuff. Well, I am certain of one thing, dear Ina, that if an answer is made by any one, and that answer insults only the intelligence of the community, you will escape all contumely.

He can also rest safe on another score: If the "refulgence of my intellect or the sparkling of my wit," like Summerfield's potassium coated pill, sets fire to the waters of Dry Creek, he may be sure of escaping destruction, either from the fact of his being too green to burn or because he is fossilized.

Haight has received the nomination of the Democratic party for Governor, and as I am a good member of that party, I shall lay aside my prejudices, cease my murmurings, and work for his, and the rest of the ticket's election.

Resignedly awaiting "for a polishing off from the much abler pen of Citizen," I still remain in favor of— PROGRESS.

### THE STATE TICKET.

We place at the head of our columns to-day the ticket nominated by the Democratic State Convention. It is a good one and, though it does not contain the name, perhaps, of each individual member of the party's choice for the respective offices, it can be readily endorsed by every Democrat. The State Convention did its duty well. The strongest and best men were put forward. The different sections of the State, and the respective elements of the party were carefully represented in the distribution of the offices. Democrats may well be proud of their ticket; the Radicals cannot put up one that can beat it. We have not space to particularize the different candidates, and therefore speak of them as a whole. Let us ratify the nominations by laboring, earnestly, unitedly, and determinedly for their election. Remember that to secure success each and every Democratic voter in the State must do his duty—his whole duty. Our cause is a holy one, and one well worthy of the most untiring efforts in its behalf. Democrats, work for your ticket! Do not wait for others, but go to work earnestly and at once.

IMPORTANT LAND DECISION.—A recent decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office makes all lands within the limits of railroad grants, upon which a homestead or pre-emption filing existed at the date of the grant, which have been subsequently abandoned, revert to the Government, and are again open to pre-emption and homestead. By a former decision such lands went to the railroad companies.

### THE PLATFORM.

We crowd out our editorial to-day to make place for the platform adopted by the Democratic State Convention:

*Resolved*, By the Democratic party of California:

First—That waiving all differences of opinion as to the extraordinary means by which they were brought about, we accept the natural and legitimate results of the war, so far as waged for the ostensible purpose to maintain the Union and the Constitutional rights and powers of the Federal Government.

Second—That we regard the three several amendments to the Constitution, recently adopted, as a settlement in fact of all the issues of the war, and that the same are no longer issues before the country.

Third—That we demand that the rule of strict construction, as proclaimed by the Democratic fathers, and embodied in the Tenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution, be applied to the Constitution as it is, including the three recent amendments to that instrument; that the absolute equality of each State within the Union is a fundamental principle of the Federal Government; that we shall always cherish and uphold the American system of State and local government for State and local purposes only, as essential to the maintenance of civil liberty; and are unalterably opposed to all attempts at centralization or consolidation of power in the hands of the Federal Government.

Fourth—That we demand of Congress universal amnesty for all political offences.

Fifth—That while we condemn all riotous and unlawful combinations to disturb the peace or infringe the rights of any citizen, we denounce the Act commonly called the "Bayonet bill," passed by Congress, and the more recent Act commonly called the "Ku-Klux bill," as enacted for no other purpose than to complete the work of centralization, and by establishing a military despotism to perpetuate the present Administration without regard to the will of the people; that these measures are not only inconsistent with the whole theory and character of the Federal Government, and revolutionary and dangerous in their character, but are in direct conflict with the spirit and letter of the Constitution, including the amendments which they pretend to enforce.

Sixth—That we are in favor of a tariff for revenue only, and we denounce the system commonly called the protection system as unjust, oppressive, prolific of corruption, and injurious to the best interests of the country; that the tariff legislation of the Republican party during the past ten years has destroyed our shipping, paralyzed industry, and plundered the mass of the people for the benefit of capitalists and monopolists.

Seventh—That the profligate grants of vast tracts of the public domain made by the Radical majority in Congress to railroad corporations, regardless of the rights of settlers, and without any proper conditions or restrictions, are a fraud upon the people of the country.

Eighth—That the failure of Congress to repeal the odious income tax, the maintenance of a vast army of tax gatherers to harass the people and eat out their substance, and the failure to restrict the importation of Chinese coolies, whose competition tends directly to cheapen and degrade white labor, constitute a catalogue of grievances for which a Radical Congress will be held justly accountable.

Ninth—That we are uncompromisingly opposed to subsidizing railway or other private corporations out of the public treasury, to the overwhelming increase of debt and taxation; that laws which impose taxes upon the mass of citizens in aid of such corporations, whether in the form of donations, loans or subscriptions, are an invasion of the rights of private property and a departure from sound maxims of Government, and result in the bankruptcy of towns and counties; that they lead to gross abuses; are a prolific source of corruption and violate the cardinal principle of Democracy, to wit: that Government is instituted for the welfare and security of the mass of the people, and not for the aggrandizement of a favored few; and that the law upon the statute books known as the Five Per Cent. Law, ought to be immediately repealed.

Tenth—That we are in favor of amending the State Constitution so as to provide additional safeguards against the taxation of private property in aid of private corporations or individuals, and against improvident legislation, and of securing needed constitutional reforms.

Eleventh—That the Democratic party, deriving its strength from the working classes, is the natural enemy of monopolies, and has always been and always will be ready to support and urge such measures for the elevation of the laboring population and the amelioration of their condition as an enlightened policy may suggest; that we point to the legislation of the past three years, reducing the hours of labor, requiring public work to be done by the day, and seeking to restrict Chinese immigration, as evidence of the sympathy of the Democracy with the wishes and interests of the laboring classes.

Twelfth—That we believe that the labor of our white people should not be brought into competition with the labor of a class of inferior people, whose living costs comparatively nothing, and who care and know little of our churches, schools, societies, and social and political institutions, and that we are, therefore, opposed to Chinese immigration; that Congress, by its legislation having sought to foster such immigration and to prevent our local authorities from interfering with it, and by its attempted abrogation of the Foreign Miners' License Tax, deserves our severest condemnation, and has given us another illustration of its intention to concentrate all power in the hands of the General Government.

Thirteenth—That the public lands yet left to the United States and the State of California should be disposed of only to actual settlers in limited quantities, and on the most favorable terms; and the laws, both State and Federal, should be so framed as to insure this result, so vital to a free people.

Fourteenth—That the interference by the President of the United States with the military power of the Union in elections, to overawe the people and control the right of suffrage, is treason to the Constitution.

Fifteenth—That we are compelled, by profound convictions of their injustice and impolicy, to record our solemn protest against the leading measures of the National Administration, and we pledge all the power with which we may be entrusted to earnest efforts to lessen the expenditures of the Government, to reduce and equalize taxation, to hasten the extinction of the public debt, and by honest legislation to protect the public domain against the rapacity of the robbers and speculators, and restore early and cordial union and fraternity to the States and the people of the Republic.

Sixteenth—That by thorough organization and concerted action, another victory is within the reach of the Democratic party of this State, and this Convention pledges itself to effect such organization and action, and to secure, by all honorable means, the election of the candidates this day nominated

Seventeenth—And whereas, since the advent of the Democratic party to power in 1867, the rate of taxation for State purposes has been reduced from $1 13 to 86 cents on each $100 of property, and the State debt reduced more than $1,000,000, at the same time that the School Fund has been increased; and large sums of money have been judiciously expended upon public buildings, a State University organized and put in operation; the tide lands of the State rescued from the grasp of speculators, and sold for the public benefit; special franchise legislation successfully checked for the first time by Executive veto; laws enacted for the revision of our Civil and Criminal Code; the equalization of assessments, and the refunding of the State debt, and a successful opposition inaugurated to any taxation of the people for the benefit of railway or other private corporations, besides other useful reforms; therefore

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the Democratic State Administration, and declare it eminently entitled to the confidence and approval of the whole people.

ADVERTISING AGENTS.—Of late a considerable talk has been going on among our exchanges upon the subject of advertising agents. There is no question but that a great imposition has been practiced upon publishers by many of these agents, but the publishers are in a great measure to blame for this themselves. They have been in the habit of taking advertisements from any and every source, and at any price, from nothing up. Want of concert of action has been the principal cause of this. The California publishers have all seemed to work one independent of the other. For the success of the business such should not be the case. A convertion of the publishers should be held and a concert of action thus obtained. We would suggest that Messrs. Boyce and Fisher, advertising agents at San Francisco, take this matter in hand and try and get together a convention of publishers of the Pacific Coast. Our Eastern advertising has always been a source of trouble to us. Some few sending us advertising at so low a figure that we were compelled to refuse it. The only firm in the East that we have ever dealt with that attempted in any manner to keep up the prices is Messrs. Hudson & Menet, of New York, with whom our dealings have been generally very satisfactory, but at the same time we recognize the necessity of the publishers of this coast meeting in convention together and deciding upon some plan which will afford mutual protection. Every California publisher is satisfied with his business relations with that honorable gentleman, Mr. Thos. Boyce, of San Francisco, also Mr. L. P. Fisher, of the same city.

[COMMUNICATED.]

FRESNO STATION, June 22nd, 1871.

ED. EXPOSITOR:—The most terrific gale that ever visited this section was experienced here on Sunday the 17th inst. The blowing commenced about dark and continued with more or less violence during the entire night. The new storehouse being built here by Leroy Dennis was blown down. Myself and one of the carpenters employed in building the house were sleeping in it at the time—it being scarcely half finished. About the hour of midnight we were aroused from our slumbers by the falling of a plank from aloft, only to realize the peril of our situation. We rushed (*en deshabille*) for the door not wishing to take time to dress, for the snapping and cracking of the building told us that delay was death—and truly—for in less than five seconds from the time we emerged from the door, the building was a mass of debris. A number of trees were uprooted in the vicinity, while others whose trunks were sufficiently strong to stand the storm, were stripped of their branches and left standing monuments of the violence of the tempest.

Leroy, thinking that it would never do to give up so, has set about rebuilding and in a short time, if nothing happens, will have the building as it was before: ready for another puff—but this time a puff in the paper, and not a puff by the Storm King. A. H. H.

WORK is being pushed ahead on the Stockton and Visalia Railroad. We learn that the Company contemplate completing seventy-miles of their road down the valley this year. Let the railroads come.

WOOL is now selling in San Francisco at from 34 to 40 cents per pound, and the price has an upward tendency.

FORTY MILES!—We are reliably informed that is the intention of the Central Pacific Railroad Company to complete forty miles more of the San Joaquin Valley branch of their road this season. This will bring it to the vicinity of Bear Creek, where a town will be laid out, which is to be the terminus for the Yo Semite and Mariposa travel. The completion of this section of road will be the means of turning all the Tulare, Kern and Inyo travel in this direction, as the trip from Visalia to San Francisco can then be made in less than twenty-four hours.

WE learn that work is progressing satisfactorily upon the San Joaquin irrigating canal, in the vicinity of Fresno Slough, at which point the water is taken from the river. There are now seventy teams at work, and two hundred more are asked for immediately.—*Tulare Times.*

ISAAC FRIEDLANDER refuses to accept the nomination for Harbor Commissioner, and the State Democratic Central Committee will have to put forward another man in his stead.

A CENSUS taker out West reports eight thousand colonels in his district. "There used to be more in that part of the country," he says, "but a large number of them have been raised to generals."

THE property owners in Grand Island swamp land district, Yolo county, are about to build twenty-eight miles of levee. The estimated cost is $150,000, and work will be given to 1,000 men.

A STOCKTON paper says there are about seven hundred Republican candidates for office in that city and county. Each man is working for himself, and working hard.

SURVEYOR Smith commenced surveying the eastern extension of the California Pacific Railroad from Marysville on the 16th instant.

THE agent of a Pennsylvania marble worker persuaded a widow to buy a stone for the grave of her dead husband by promising to marry her.

JAS. COFFROTH, of Sacramento, has received the Democratic nomination for Congressman in the Second District.

SAN ANDREAS, Calaveras county has been designated as a money order office.

THE consumption of paper collars in the United States in 1870 was 225,000,000.

An Indiana cat is diligently suckling a litter of pigs.


## LOST---$5 REWARD!

I WILL GIVE THE ABOVE REward to the person, leaving at EXPOSITOR office, a light colored valise, lost by me, June 24th, between Jones' Ferry and Krug's ranch, on the King's river road. Said valise contains papers of value to the undersigned.

R. G. WHITE.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE FIRM HERETOFORE known as Ferris, Van Tassell & Co., in the flouring mill near Centerville, Fresno county, has this day been dissolved, Jesse Morrow retaining entire interest therein.

GEORGE C. FERRIS,
J. A. VAN TASSEL,
JESSE MORROW.

Centerville, June 13, 1871.—21-4w.

NUMBER OF TICKETS----20,000.

## $22,000 IN GOLD COIN!

GRAND GIFT CONCERT & BALL!

GIVEN BY

SAN JOAQUIN ENGINE CO. NO. 3,

Stockton Fire Department, for the purpose of purchasing for themselves (and for the benefit of the city) a

NO. 1 STEAM FIRE ENGINE,

—ON—

Wednesday, July 12th, 1871,

AT MOZART HALL, CITY OF STOCKTON.

**Tickets,** each, in Gold Coin,.....$2

Entitling the holder to admission to the Concert and Ball.

**Treasurer**---Stockton Savings & Loan Society, with whom all moneys will be deposited and by whom all disbursements will be made.

That the managers are gentlemen of well known standing and in egrity, the following will testify:

STOCKTON, CAL., May 24th, 1871.

The undersigned are well acquainted with the managers of the "San Joaquin Engine Company Gift Concert," and are fully satisfied that their plan of raising the necessary means to purchase a No. 1 Steam Fire Engine and the necessary apparatus, will be honestly carried out as advertised and the money devoted to the intended purpose, and we therefore recommend it to the favorable consideration of the public.

E. S. Holden, Mayor of Stockton,
Geo. S. Evans, ex Mayor of Stockton,
J. H. O'Brien, merchant,
Melville Cottle, U. S. Land Register,
Thos. Cunningham, ex-Chief Engineer F. D.,
B. W. Bours, Cashier San Joaquin Valley Bank,
Hon. N. M. Orr, State Senator,
John Sedgwick, U. S. Revenue Collector,
J. M. Kelsey, Pres. Stock. Savings & Loan So.,
S. T. Nye, late U. S. Land Register,
P. H. Rohrbacher, Chief Engineer F. D.
John Nichols, merchant.

During the entertainment $22,000 in Gold Coin, in 321 gifts, will be returned to the holders of tickets by distribution of chance of the following PRIZES:

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| 1 | Gift in Gold Coin of | | | | $5,000 |
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| 1 | " | " | " | " | 1,000 |
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| 1 | " | " | " | " | 600 |
| 1 | " | " | " | " | 400 |
| 1 | " | " | " | " | 300 |
| 1 | " | " | " | " | 210 |
| 10 | " | " | " | " $100 each | 2,000 |
| 10 | " | " | " | " $50 each | 1,000 |
| 25 | " | " | " | " $30 each | 750 |
| 247 | " | " | " | " $20 each | 4,940 |
| 321 Gifts amounting to | | | | | $22,000 |

The drawing will be under the management of a Joint Committee of the Officers of the Company and other well known responsible citizens of Stockton, and the gifts will be awarded in precisely the same manner as in the Mercantile Library Lottery of San Francisco.

Persons at a distance can obtain tickets by sending checks on any of the Stockton Banks, or coin by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express.

☞ A liberal percentage will be allowed to purchasers of Fifty Tickets, payable in Tickets or coin.

All orders should be addressed to

EUGENE LEHE,
Secretary and General Business Agent, Stockton, California.

## U. S. LAND NOTICE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, State of California. United States Land Office, City of Stockton. Notice and citation before the Register and Receiver of the Stockton Land Office. Whereas Leroy Dennis of Fresno county did on the 21st day of June 1871, apply to the Register of the U. S. Land Office, at Stockton California, to enter as Agricultural Land, the North-east quarter of Section No. 23 Township No. S S. Range No. 18 East Mt. Diablo Meridian, the same having been returned by the United States Deputy Surveyor as Mineral Lands, and upon which the following persons have preemption claims: Joseph Brown and Wm. Heidecker. Therefore in compliance with instruction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office it is hereby ordered that on the eighth (8th) day of August A. D. 1871 at ten o'clock A. M. you Joseph Brown, D. S. No. 4345, claimant to a portion of said land, and Wm. Heidecker, D. S. No. 4464 also a claimant to a portion of said land, and each and every person claiming the above mentioned land or any part thereof appear before us in the U. S. Land Office in the City of Stockton with your witnesses preparped to testify as to the Mineral or Non-Mineral character of the above mentioned land, or any part thereof, and show cause, if any there be; why Leroy Dennis (No. 4316) should not be allowed to enter the aforesaid Land or certain portions of the same. Herein fail not, or the said land will be awarded to Leroy Dennis upon his furnishing the proper proof of compliance with the Pre-emption Law. Witness our hands this 21st day of June, 1871.

MELVILLE COTTLE, Register,
OTIS FERRIN, Receiver.
je28 td

## SHIPPEE, MCKEE & CO.,

NO 216 AND 218 MAIN STREET,

And 190 and 198 Hunter street,

ODD FELLOWS' BLOCK, STOCKTON,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

Groceries, Provisions, Dry Goods, Crockeryware, Hardware and General Merchandise.

A large and well selected stock of goods constantly on hand, from which the City and Country Trade will be supplied on the most reasonable terms.

Orders from the country will be promptly filled.
je28 3m

## MILLERTON LIVERY STABLE!

(Head of Center Street,)

THE UNDERSIGNED takes great pleasure in announcing to the public that he has re-opened the old McCray Livery Stable, where the travelling public can always have their horses properly attended to, and have them fed

PLENTY OF HAY AND BARLEY!

Horses and Wagons always on hand for rent at low prices.

Particular attention paid to Job Teaming of every description.

M. DONAHOO, Propr.
Millerton, March 8, 1871.—tf


## SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF foreclosure, and order of sale, issued out of the District Court of the 13th Judicial District of the State of California, in and for the county of Fresno, in the action of Jesse Morrow, against J. B. Sweem and Nancy Ann Sweem, duly attested on the 23d day of May, A. D. 1871. I am commanded to sell all that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the county of Fresno, State of California, described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the South-east corner of the North-west quarter of Section No. 34, Township No. 13, South range 23 east, and running north 20 chains, thence west 10 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 10 chains to place of beginning, containing 20 acres.

Notice is hereby given that, on WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, A. D. 1871, in front of the Court House Door, in the town of Millerton, county of Fresno, at 12 o'clock M. I will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in gold coin of the United States, the above described property.

J. N. WALKER, Sheriff.

June 20th, 1871.—11-3t

## OFFICIAL.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA---DEpartment of State.—I, H. L. NICHOLS, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify that the annexed is a true, full, and correct copy of Chapter four hundred and forty-four, Statutes of California, Eighteenth Session, approved April 2d, 1870, now on file in my office.

Witness my hand and the great seal of State, at office, in Sacramento, California, the twenty-fifth day of May, A. D. 1871.

[L. S.]

H. L. NICHOLS,
Secretary of State.

### AN ACT

TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE FUNDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND TO CONTRACT A FUNDED DEBT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

[APPROVED APRIL 2, 1870.]

The People of the State of California, represented in the Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of liquidating and providing for the payment of the funded indebtedness of the State of California hereinafter specified, and to lessen the burden of taxation, the Governor of the State, the Controller of State and the Treasurer of State, and their successors in office, shall constitute a Board of Commissioners, to be styled the Loan Commissioners of the State of California, and shall have and exercise the powers and perform the duties hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. The said Loan Commissioners are hereby authorized to issue and sell not exceeding three millions seven hundred thousand dollars of the bonds of said State, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, which interest shall be payable semi-annually in gold coin, on the second days in January and July in each year, at the office of the Treasurer of State. The principal of said bonds shall be made payable in gold coin within twenty years after the date of their issue, and shall be of such denominations as the said Loan Commissioners shall direct, but not less than five hundre dollars; shall bear the date of their issue, and shall be signed by the said Loan Commissioners, and shall have the seal of the State affixed thereto; and the faith of the State of California is hereby pledged for the payment of said bonds and the interest accruing thereon as herein provided.

SEC. 3. Coupons for the interest shall be attached to each bond so that they may be removed without injury or mutilation to the bond; said coupons, consecutively numbered, shall be signed by the Treasurer of the State.

SEC. 4. Before the sale of any of said bonds the said Loan Commissioners shall cause notices of such sale to be published for the space of one month, in three daily newspapers published in English, one in the city of New York, one in the city of London, in England, and one in the Capital of the State; in and for the space of one month in a daily newspaper published in French, in the city of Paris, in France, and for the space of one month in a daily newspaper published in German, in the city of Frankfort-on-the-Main, in Germany. Such notice shall specify the amount of bonds to be sold, the rate of interest they shall bear, the day and hour of sale, the place of sale, which shall be at the State Capital, and that sealed proposals will be received by the said Loan Commissioners for the purchase of such bonds. Within one month from the expiration of such publication, and on the day and hour named in said notice, the said Loan Commissioners shall open all sealed proposals received by them, and shall award the purchase of said bonds to such bidders as will, in their opinion, make the most advantageous bid for the State; provided, that said Loan Commissioners may reject any or all bids, if they deem it to the advantage of the State; and provided further, they may refuse to make any award unless sufficient security shall be furnished by the bidders for the compliance with the terms of their bids; and provided further, that said bonds shall not be sold at less than ninety one cents on the dollar, in gold coin, par value.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of Treasurer and Controller of State each to keep a separate record of all bonds sold under the provisions of this Act, showing the number, date, amount and rate of interest of each bond, and to whom the same was issued.

SEC. 6. The sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund for the payment of the expeses that may be incurred by the Loan Commissioners in having such bonds prepared and said notices published.

SEC. 7. The proceeds of such bonds shall be paid into the State Treasury, and shall be applied to the payment of the following bonds, in the order of their issuance:

First—The outstanding bonds issued under the Act entitled an Act to provide for certain equitable claims against the State of California, and to contract a funded debt for that purpose, approved April twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Second—The outstanding bonds issued under the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty.

Third—The outstanding soldiers' relief bonds.

Fourth—The outstanding soldiers' bounty bonds.

SEC. 8. All persons having any of the bonds specified in section seven of this Act shall, upon presentation of such bonds to the said Loan Commissioners be entitled to exchange them at their par value for bonds authorized to be issued under this Act, at the rate of ninety-three cents on the dollar, par value, but no bond shall be issued for a less sum than five hundred dollars, nor for a fractional part of a hundred dollars, but the said Loan Commissioners may issue certificates of such fractional parts not bonded, which said certificate shall be transferable, and entitled to be paid out of the proceeds of the sales of any bonds provided for in section seven of this Act. The Loan Commissioners shall cancel each bond so exchanged, and shall indorse on such bond the date on which they received the same, and from whom, the number and amount of the bond issued in exchange therefor, and shall file such bond in the office of the Secretary of State.

SEC. 9. Whenever there shall be in the State Treasury, from the proceeds of the sale of bonds issued under this Act, a sum of ten thousand dollars or more, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to advertise in two newspapers, printed in English, one in New York and one in the Capital of the State, for two months, which advertisement shall state the amount of money in the treasury applicable to the redemption of bonds, and the number of bonds, numbering therein the order of their issuance, which are redeemable; and three months from the date of the expiration of such advertisement, such bonds, unless sooner paid, shall cease to draw interest, but the money for the redemption of such bonds shall remain in the treasury to pay such bonds wherever presented.

SEC. 10. For the payment within twenty years of the principal and interest of the bonds issued under this Act, there shall be and is hereby annually levied, after any bonds have been issued under this Act, such rate of tax on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real and personal property in the State, to be computed by the Controller of State on the basis of the assessed value of such property for the preceeding year, as shall produce annually, for the first five years, seven per centum of the amount of such bonds issued; for the next ten years thereafter, twelve per centum of the amount of such bonds issued, and thereafter, until all the bonds are issued under this Act are paid, fifteen per centum of the amount of such bonds issued. The Controller shall certify the rate of tax thus computed by him to the several County Auditors, and the said Auditors are hereby directed and required to enter such rate on the assessment rolls of their respective counties, in the same manner and with the same effect as is provided by law in relation to other State taxes. Every tax levied under the provisions or authority of this Act is hereby made a lien against the property assessed, which lien shall attach on the first Monday in March in each year, and shall not be satisfied or removed until such tax has been paid. All moneys derived from taxes authorized by the provisions of this section shall be paid into the State treasury, and shall be applied—

First—To the payment of the interest on the bonds issued by the provisions of this Act.

Second to the payment of the principal of such bonds.

Provided, that all moneys remaining in the State treasury on the third day of January, in each year, for the first five years after the issuance of any bonds under this Act, after all the interest on such bonds then due has been paid, shall be transferred by the Treasurer of State to the General Fund.

SEC. 11. Whenever, on the third day of January or July, in any year, after the expiration of five years from the date of issuance of any bonds under this Act, there remains, after the payment of the interest, as provided in the proceeding section, a surplus of ten thousand dollars or more, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to advertise, for the space of one month, in one daily newspaper, published in English, in the city of New York, and for one month in one daily newspaper, published in English, at the State Capital, for sealed proposals, to be opened one month after the expiration of such publication by the Treasurer, in presence of the Governor or Controller, at the State Capitol, for the surrender of bonds issued under this Act, which advertisement shall state the amount of money he has on hand for the purpose of redemption; and they shall accept the lowest proposals, at rates not exceeding par value, as may redeem the greatest amount of bonds, until the amount of cash on hand for the redemption is exhausted; provided, however, in case a sufficient amount of such bonds shall not be offered, as afore aid to exhaust the Sinking Fund to a less amount than ten thousand dollars, then it is hereby made the duty of the Treasurer to advertise in two newspapers, one in New York and one at the Capital of this State, for three months, which advertisement shall state the amount in the Sinking Fund, and the number of bonds, numbering them in the order of their issuance, which such fund is set apart to pay and discharge; and if such bonds so numbered in such advertisements shall not be presented for payment and cancellation at the expiration of such publications, then such fund shall remain in the treasury to discharge such bonds whenever presented, but they shall draw no interest after the expiration of such publication; before any of said bonds shall be paid, they shall be presented to the Controller, who shall indorse on each bond the amount due thereon, and shall write across the face of each bond the date of its surrender and the name of the person surrendering.

SEC. 12. The Treasurer of State shall keep a full and particular account and record of all his proceedings under this Act, and of the bonds redeemed and surrendered, and he shall transmit to the Governor an abstract of all his proceedings under this Act, with his annual report, to be by the Governor laid before the Legislature; and all books and papers pertaining to the matter provided for in this Act shall at all times be open to the inspection of any party interested, or the Governor or the Attorney-General, or a committee of either branch of the Legislature, or a joint committee of both.

SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay the interest on said bonds, when the same falls due, out of said Interest Fund, if sufficient; and if said fund be not sufficient, then to pay the deficiency out of the General Fund; provided, that the Controller of State shall first draw his warrant on the Treasurer, payable to the order of said Treasurer, for the amount of interest money about to become due, which said interest warrant shall be drawn at least one month previous to the maturing of the interest.

SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect sixty days after the next general election, as to all its provisions, except those relating to and necessary for its submission to the people, and for returning, canvassing and proclaiming the votes, which shall take effect immediately.

SEC. 15. This Act shall be submitted to the people of the State for their ratification, at the next general election, and the qualified electors of this State shall, at said election, on their ballots for State officers, vote for or against this Act; those voting for the same, shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "Refund the Debt—Yes," and those voting against the same, shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Refund the Debt—No."

SEC. 16. The votes cast for and against this Act shall be counted, returned and cancelled, and declared in the same manner and subject to the same rules as votes cast for the Treasurer of State, and if it appears that a majority of all the votes so cast for or against this law, as aforesaid, are in favor of this Act, then the same shall have effect as hereinbefore provided, and shall be irrepealable until the principal and interest of the liabilities herein created shall be paid and discharged, and the Governor shall make proclamation hereof; but if a majority of the votes so cast are against this Act, then the same shall become void.

SEC. 17. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to have this Act published in one newspaper in each judicial district of this State, for three months next preceeding the next general election, for which publication no greater allowance shall be made than the rates allowed by law to the State Printer. je21-tc

# The Fresno Expositor

COUNTY OFFICIAL PRESS.


### RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

There will be regular preaching once in each month at the following named places, Rev. J. H. Neal pastor:

First Sabbath at the Mississippi School House at 11 o'clock

Second Sabbath Scottsburg School House at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Third Sabbath at the Dry Creek School House at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Fourth Sabbath in the Court House, Millerton, at 11 o'clock.

## TOWN AND COUNTY.

WATERMELONS are beginning to ripen in this county.

J. N. WALKER has been appointed a member of the Democratic State Central Committee.

WE are requested by Mr. J. D. Collins to state that he has withdrawn from the contest for Assemblyman. This leaves Mr. Kennedy alone in the field.

HEAVY RAIN.—We are informed that on last Sunday night a very heavy fall of rain occurred in the vicinity of Watson's ferry, in this county.

FALLING RAPIDLY.—The San Joaquin river has been falling very rapidly during the past week. The sand-bars are beginning to stick their noses above water.

QUITE A FEAT.—Twenty-four thousand head of sheep were crossed in the ferry boat of the Millerton Ferry Company, on the San Joaquin, last week without the loss of a sheep.

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER.—Mr. Julius G. Schroeder, better known as "Louis Schroeder," announces himself as a candidate for Road Commissioner of District No. 3 (this District). Mr. Schroeder is fully competent to fill the position and would make a good officer.

WE call attention to the advertisement of the gift scheme of San Joaquin Engine Company No. 3, of Stockton. The parties at the head of it are reliable, and the plan of distribution very liberal. Parties desirous purchasing tickets in the scheme may rely upon square dealing.

AND still the winds continue to blow! First it blows one way until there is not a particle of dust in the northeastern part of the county, then it changes to an opposite direction and blows it all back again. The eyes and nose suffer terribly from the effects of the blinding dust which prevails. The inside of our office is a perfect sand-heap. Everybody down this way sing now "Blow, gentle winds, o'er the dark blue sea." They have had a sufficient on the land for the present.

DEAD men tell no tales: if they did, anathemas against the depleting lancet the drastic purge, and the terrible salivants of the materia medica, would arise from every graveyard. The motto of modern medical science is, "Preserve and regulate, not destroy," and no remedy of our day is so in harmony with this philanthropic logic as Dr. Walker's Vegetable Vinegar Bitters. In this powerful, yet harmless restorative, dyspepsia, bilious complaints, and all diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels and nerves, encounter an irresistible antidote.

LAST CHANCE.—Look out for the glorious Fourth!—the day we celebrate—for on that day the Cosmopolitan Society of Nevada City holds its drawing, and somebody will get those magnificent prizes—those bags of gold coin. Buy your ticket at once and be happy. This is the last opportunity we shall have of warning you all that he who now neglects buying a ticket neglects the best chance he ever had or will have to secure a fortune. Don't let to- ay pass without attending to this. The tickets are only $2 50, and when the sun goes down on our national holiday let it leave you the happy possessor of one of those bags of coin. *

SHOOTING NEAR PARKER'S STORE.—A Mexican named Rufino Cardenez—better known as Chino Rufino—in the employ of Wm. H. Parker, on the San Joaquin river, in Fresno county, while going to Watson's Ferry on the morning of June 22nd with some letters for his employer, was attacked by two Mexicans, about three-quarters of a mile from the store. One of them shot the horse he was riding, which fell to the ground, entangling his feet in the stirrups. As he was freeing himself the other commenced firing at him with a revolver, one shot cutting across his breast, causing a superficial flesh wound, another taking effect in the right arm just below the elbow, ranging upward, completely shattering the elbow joint. It is as yet doubtful whether the amputation of the arm may not be necessary. After being shot at four times and wounded twice he got upon the horse and rode back toward the store. After riding some four or five hundred yards the animal stopped suddenly and dropped dead in the road. The wounded man was brought to town by Mr. C. Strivins and placed under the care of Dr. Leach. The Mexican states that he has known one of his assailants about two years, the other is a stranger to him, has never had a difficulty with either, and knows no cause for the attack.

THE DEVIL'S ABODE.—From Mr. Powell, C. E., of Tulare county, we learn that near the confines of Fresno, Tulare and Inyo counties, in the vicinity of the headwaters of the Kaweah, a most singular piece of country lies. The Indians say it is the abiding place of the Evil Spirit. The country is rugged and rocky—mountains, with deep valleys and precipitous cliffs. Snakes and reptiles of every description abound in untold numbers, and, taken all in all, a wild and most uninviting region. But aside from this a most curious phenomenon exists. The ground trembles and quakes almost continuously, and the abundant rocks grind and grit together as if being urged by some terrible influence. Frequently, deep discharges are heard, muffled and dull, like the distant sound of heavy artillery. At night the sounds seem to be more abundant than in day-time. No Indian can be induced to venture near the locality, regarding it with superstitious horror. No theory is advanced by any one to account for the strange phenomena mentioned. We also learn from Mr. Wm. Faymonville that above the head of Crane Valley, in this county, another place similar to the one mentioned exists. Parties who have visited the last place named describe the sounds mentioned as like muffled thunder. Who can give an explanation of this strange and unusual condition of things?

WE have seen some of the finest photographs ever produced outside of San Francisco at J. P. SPOONER'S, FIRST PREMIUM PHOTOGRAPHIC PARLOR, Kidd's Block, Stockton.

GOOD RUN.—The *Republican* says the colored man, J. B. Sanderson, a candidate for delegate to the County Convention, in the First Ward, in Stockton, at the Republican primaries, ran a long ways ahead of the ticket, polling 198 votes, and beating all other candidates. He should be placed on their ticket as a cannidate for the Legislature. He would undoubtedly give the ticket color and character.—*Santa Clara Argus.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

☞ All advertisements appearing under this head must be paid for in advance.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER DIST. NO. 3**

**JULIUS G. SCHROEDER**

Will be a candidate at the ensuing election for Road Commissioner of District No. 3, subject to the decision of the voters at the polls.

**FOR COUNTY CLERK.**

**HARRY DIXON**

Respectfully announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk of Fresno county at the ensuining election.

**A. M. CLARK**

Respectfully announces himself as a candidate for the office of

**COUNTY CLERK**

Of Fresno county, at the election in September next.

**FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF COMMON SCHOOLS!**

**S. H. HILL**

Will be a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Common Schools of Fresno county, at the election this year.

**FOR ASSESSOR.**

**A. J. THORN**

Respectfully announces himself as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Fresno county, subject to thy action of the voters at the election in September next.

**S. B. ALISON**

Respectfully announces himself to the citizens of Fresno county as a candidate for the office of

**COUNTY JUDGE,**

at the Judicical election, to be held in Oct. next.

**T. O. ELLIS, SR.**

Respectfully announces that he will be a candidate for

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COMMON SCHOOLS.**

Of Fresno county, subject to the decision of the voters at the polls, at the election this year, and the action of the Democratic party.

**J. E. SHERRARD**

Respectfully announces himself a candidate for the office of

**COUNTY CLERK**

Of Fresno county, subject to the decision of the voters at the polls in September next.

**FOR TREASURER.**

**W. W. CHRISTY**

Respectfully announces himself a candidate for for the office of County Treasurer of Fresno county, subject to the voters at the election this year.

**FOR SHERIFF.**

**J. SCOTT ASHMAN**

Will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Fresno county at the election in September next, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**WM. W. HILL**

Is a candidate for re-election to the office of

**COUNTY TREASURER**

of Fresno county, at the next election.

**T. W. SIMPSON**

Is a candidate for re-election to the office of

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

of Fresno county, at the next election.

**W. T. RUMBLE,**

Will be a candidate, at the election this Fall, for

**COUNTY JUDGE,**

Of Fresno county, subject to the decision of the voters at the polls.

**ALEX. KENNEDY**

Respectfully announces himself as a Democratic candidate for

**ASSEMBLYMAN**

Subject to the voters of Fresno County at the election in September next.

**FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY!**

**C. G. SAYLE,**

Will be a Democratic candidate for the office of District Attorney of Fresno county at the approaching election.

## FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The undersigned respectfully announces himself a candidate for County Surveyor of Fresno County, at the ensuing election to be holden in September next, 1871. Having been a permanent citizen of this county since its organization is believed to be a reasonable apology for not traveling over the county, renewing old acquaintance and establishing new, and having no inclination and but little tact for electioneering, I will not be found among the canvassers discussing the issues of the day. M. B. LEWIS.

Millerton, May 2nd, 1871.

## FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

MILLERTON, FRESNO CO., April 12th, 1871.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—I take this method of announcing through the FRESNO EXPOSITOR, our county newspaper, that my name will be placed before you at the ensuing Judicial Election for re-election to the office that I have the honor now humbly to fill. My official acts as County Judge for the past three years are known to the voters of this county (whether good or bad). I do not claim that I have not committed any errors, but I do claim that whatever those errors may have been, they were of judgment and not of the heart. I feel a desire to fill the office for another term, as I feel that I can do so more satisfactorily to myself, having gained some knowledge of the statute laws and practice of courts in this State. Feeling thankful, fellow citizens, for past favors, if re-elected will continue to the best of my ability to discharge the functions of the office conscientiously under oath of office.

GILLUM BALEY.

**OTTO FROELICH,**

Millerton, Fresno county, Cal.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

DEALER IN

**DRY GOODS,**

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**FRESH GROCERIES.**

**HARDWARE AND CROCKERY,**

And everything that is usually kept in a country Store.

**Prices to Suit the Times.**

**J. M. SHANNON,**

TAKES PLEASURE IN INFORMing his friends and the public generally, that he has re-opened

**M'CRAY'S BLACKSMITHSHOP,**

**In Millerton, Fresno Co.**

And is now prepared to do Blacksmithing of every kind, in the most thorough and workmanlike manner, and at the most reasonable prices.

Having engaged the services of an experienced and skillful workman, who will pay particular attention to the

**SHOEING OF HORSES,**

In the most approved style, he respectfully solicits a share of the public patronage, with the assurance that those who patronize him once will call again. Refers to—

Hon. S. A. BOOKER Stockton.
P. D. Wigginton, Esq., Snelling.
Hon. Alex. Deering, Mariposa.
P. Bennett, Mail Contractor. mar15-tf

**NEW FERRY**

**ACROSS SAN JOAQUIN RIVER.**

THE Millerton Ferry Company beg leave to inform the traveling public that their

**NEW FERRY**

Situated one-half mile below the town of Millerton, is now in complete running order. All the apparatus connected with said ferry being new, and the banks on either side being cut down to an easy grade, a safe, quick and easy crossing can at

**ALL TIMES BE EFFECTED.**

Excellent roads leading to the ferry have been constructed on the banks of the river.

WALKER, FAYMONVILLE & CO.
April 2nd, 1870. ap27-6m

**$150 000**

**GOLD COIN PREMIUMS!**

**WILL BE AWARDED TO THE** Season Ticket Holders on the

**FOURTH DAY OF JULY, 1871.**

The Cosmopolitan Benevolent Society of California will hold their Second Grand Fair at the Broad Street Theater, Nevada City, Cal., in aid of the following charitable purposes:

1st, Public Schools of Nevada county.
2d, Public Library of Nevada City.
3d, Orphan Asylum, Nevada county.
4th, Fire Department, Nevada City.

**100,000 Season Tickets of Admission will be sold at $2 50 each.**

All the Premiums will be deposited in the BANK OF NEVADA COUNTY.

PREMIUMS:

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| 1 Premium, gold coin | $25,000 |
| 1 Premium, gold coin | 15,000 |
| 1 Premium, gold coin | 10,000 |
| 1 Premium, gold coin | 5,000 |
| 1 Premium, gold coin | 4,000 |
| 1 Premium, gold coin | 3,000 |
| 1 Premium, gold coin | 3,000 |
| 1 Premium, gold coin | 2,490 |
| 1 Premium, gold coin | 2,000 |
| 15 Premiums, gold coin, $1,000 each | 15,000 |
| 5 Premiums, gold coin, $500 each | 2,500 |
| 8 Premiums, gold coin, $300 each | 2,400 |
| 15 Premiums, gold coin, $250 each | 6,250 |
| 100 Premiums, gold coin, $100 each | 10,000 |
| 100 Premiums, gold coin, $50 each | 5,000 |
| 200 Premiums, gold coin, $30 each | 6,000 |
| 500 Premiums, gold coin, $25 each | 12 500 |
| 1,043 Premiums, gold coin, $20 each | 20,860 |
| 1,005 Gold Coin Premiums am't'g to | $150,000 |

BUSINESS MANAGERS—A. W. Potter, A. H. Hagadorn, J. Corwell Lee.

By special permission we refer to the following well known citizens:

John H. Dickson, Sheriff Nevada county.
T. W. Sigourney.
John A. Lancaster, National Exchange Hotel.
M. S. Deal, Editor Nevada Transcript.
G. v. Schmittburg, Postmaster.
Julius Greenwald, County Treasurer.
Geo. B. Newell, ex-County Supervisor.
Thos. J. Gardner, Editor Nevada Gazette.
P. Banner, merchant.
R. B. Gentry, late Sheriff Nevada county.
D. E. Bell, Deputy Postmaster.
Ira A. Eaton, Union Hotel.
G. G. Allen, Nevada Foundry.
Judge T. H. Rolfe.
Geo. K. Phillips, merchant.
A. Goldsmith, merchant.
Wm. R. Coe, Chief Engineer Fire Department.
T. Canfield, ex-Chief Engineer Fire Department.
A. Sanford, merchant
Bliven & Potter, merchants.
Lester & Mulloy, merchants.
L. Nihell, City Marshal.

Good, responsible agents wanted. Liberal commissions allowed. Money should be sent by express or by draft on any solvent bank. Address all communications to C. B. SOCIETY, my10-td Nevada City, Cal.

**W. T. Rumble, Agent Millerton.**

**F. JENSEN,**

Big Dry Creek, Fresno county, Cal.

HAS CONSTANTLY ON HAND and for sale, at the

**LOWEST CASH PRICES,**

A WELL SELECTED STOCK OF

**GENERAL MERCHANDISE!!**

Purchasers are invited to call and examine for themselves.

Also for sale, the

**Automatic Labor-Saving Clothes-Washers.**

Big Dry Creek, February 7th, 1871.—8-tf

**PATENT**

**ARION PIANO!**

**A FEW REASONS WHY**

—THE—

**ARION PIANO!**

**IS SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHERS.**

The ARION PIANO-FORTE has Greater Power than any other Piano-Forte manufactured

**It Will Stand in Tune Longer,**

and in its mechanical construction it is more perfect, and therefore more durable than any instrument constructed in the usual modern style.

The arrangement of the Agraffe, the manner of stringing, the form and peculiar form and arrangement of the Iron Frame,

**Supersedes all Others.**

The use of a bar, (which is a part of the Iron Frame) on a line with the heavy steel stringing, gives

**Great Strength**

Where most needed, and in this respect all other Pianos fail.

The construction of the WREST PLANK, into which the Tuning Pins are inserted, is such that it is impossible for the pins to become loosened, or the Wrest Plank itself to split, as is too often the case in other Piano Fortes,

**The Extraordinary Evenness**

Throughout the entire scale, the excellent Singing Quality, the

**Length and Purity of Vibration,**

All go to prove what we claim, viz: that the

**ARION PIANO-FORTE**

Is the Best Instrument manufactured.

**THE PATENT**

**ARION PIANOS**

Are used exclusively in the American

**Conservatories of Music of New York City.**

The most severe test a Piano can receive is constant use in a Conservatory.

**Read the Following:**

It affords me much pleasure to give you, in these few lines, a very sincere testimonial for the Piano-Fortes of your manufacture. We have now used the "Patent Arion Pianos" in our Conservatories for a year, and have had a fair opportunity of testing their durability during that time. The Pianos have been played upon almost constantly from morning till night, and a Piano must indeed be a good one when it will bear such constant use without showing signs of defection. As for remaining in tune, it outrivals any Piano known to me.

Their peculiar sweetness of tone in the treble, (as compared to other Pianos with the ordinary metal agraffe arrangement,) is so striking that I have had pupils remark, while taking their lessons, that although they had at home what they supposed to be one of the best makes of Pianos, still the treble was very wiry-toned compared with the ARION.

What makes them still more desirable is their uniform volume of tone, which enables an artist to perform a composition in its true character.

In total, I can conscientiously endorse all that is claimed by the ARION PIANO-FORTE COMPANY for their superb Instruments, as I consider them superior to any other make.

Congratulating you upon the great success you have obtained in the manufacture of so perfect an instrument, I remain yours.

Very truly,
HENRY SCHROEDER,
DIRECTOR.

New York, September 3d, 1870.

**AGENTS WANTED.**

We want first class and responsible Agents in every city and town where we have not already appointed them.

**We Have Just Published**

Our Annual Illustrated Pamphlet, which contains a full description of the interior construction of the PATENT ARION PIANO-FORTE, and all the other leading Pianos of the principal makes; illustrated with cuts, thus contrasting the ARION with all other first class Pianos, and proving

**WHY AND WHERE**

Our Pianos are superior to any in the market.

Our pamphlet contains engravings of all the different styles of instruments that we manufacture, giving a full description of each, so that a person can select the style he may desire to order, with the assurance that they will receive just as good a Piano as if they were in our warerooms to select it. We have sold over Five Thousand Pianos, many of them being shipped great distances, and we have never yet received the first complaint. As we give a written guarantee with every Piano we manufacture, for five years, the purchaser runs no risk.

Don't fail to write for our pamphlet, which we mail FREE, and when you write state what paper you saw this notice in.

N. B.—We caution the public from purchasing a cheap Piano, which has recently been put in the market, bearing the name "Arion." All genuine Arion Pianos bear the name "Patent Arion," and can only be purchased from our New York Warerooms, or our authorized Agents throughout the United States.

**All Kinds of Musical Instruments Supplied.**

ADDRESS THE

**ARION PIANO-FORTE CO.,**
**No. 554 Broadway,**
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E. JACOB, Visalia. H. D. SILVERMAN, Centreville.

**E. JACOB & CO.,**

**Centreville,**

HAVE CONSTANTLY ON HAND AND ARE receiving a large and well selected stock of

**Groceries,**
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**Hardware,**
**CROCKERY AND AGRICULTURAL**
**IMPLEMENTS,**

And other articles of

**General Merchandise,**

Which they offer to the people of King's River, Dry Creek, and the public generally, at

**PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.**

**GIVE US A CALL!**

E. JACOB & CO.

Centreville, June 16th, 1870. tf

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T. J. ALLEN.....PROPRIETOR

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THE CHOICEST BRANDS OF

**WINES,**
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Always on hand.

**Liquor Sold by the Bottle or Gallon.**

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THERE CAN BE HAD AT ALL times at the bar Choice

**WINES AND LIQUORS,**

Of all kinds, also

**CIGARS AND TOBACCO**

Of different brands, and at reasonable rates, for cash, as can be purchased in the State, of the same quality of article. This Saloon also has in connection with it one of Lisenfeld's fine

**BILLIARD TABLES,**

In perfect order, where persons can indulge in the most popular game of modern times. Past favors are thankfully acknowledged, and I hope, by strict attention to business, to merit the same in future.

THE MOST IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT EVER MADE ON

**SEWING MACHINES!**

Can be seen in use at the

HOWE SEWING MACHINE OFFICE,

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READ THE FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENT, SIGNED BY OUR MOST PROMINENT PHYSICIANS:

We, the undersigned, practicing physicians of San Francisco, having examined and witnessed the operation of the

"MILLS ADJUSTABLE TREADLE"

For Sewing Machines, take pleasure in giving our testimony to the great value of the improvement, in a sanitary point of view. The peculiar feature of this new treadle is that **The footboard is made adjustable, both vertically an longitudinally;** so that whatever the size of the foot or shoe **the true center of motion of the foot may always be brought to coincide with the center of motion of the treadle, and held there, thus permitting the feet to move on their natural centers without having first to overcome the inertia and weight of the heavier limbs.**

In our opinion it possess the following important advantages over the ordinary treadle:

**First, It saves the excessive labor and waste of power consumed in keeping up the rapidly alternating motion of the lower limbs and body whenever the machine is run with any speed.**

**Second, It avoids the frequent and serious injury to female health resulting directly from that motion.**

By the general adoption of the treadle we believe the only serious objection to the foot power sewing machine will be removed, and that so far from being prejudicial to the health of the operator, its use will prove as harmless and positively beneficial as other physical exercise, tending directly to develop the muscles of the calf of the leg, strength in the ankle, restore the elasticity of the foot, and promote circulation in the extremeties. Signed,

H. H. TOLAND, M. D.,
President Toland Medical College.
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Professors Physiology Toland Medical College.
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I have carefully examined the new treadle attached to the Howe Sewing Machines, and consider it a most valuable improvement, doing away with most of the motion of the back and pelvis, which is unavoidable in operating the old style treadle, and which has proven so detrimental to health. I cheerfully recommend it to those who work much with sewing machines, believing that it will save them much trouble.

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**BIG DRY CREEK HOTEL.**

JULIUS BIEHL.....PROPRIETOR.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT, SITUated near Jensen's Store, on the Millerton and Visalia stage road, is now open for the accommodation of the public. The table will be supplied with the best the market affords, while the sleeping apartments will be supplied with good soft beds.

☞ A GOOD STABLE with plenty of the best quality of hay and grain.

Give me a call. fe1-6m

**For a few cents you can buy of your Grocer or Druggist a package of SEA MOSS FARINE, made from pure Irish Moss, or Carrageen, which will make sixteen quarts of Blanc Mange, and a like quantity of Puddings, Custards, Creams, Charlotte Russe, &c. It is the cheapest, healthiest, and most delicious food in the world. It makes a splendid Dessert, and has no equal as a light and delicate food for Invalids and Children.**

**A Glorious Change!!**

**THE GREAT WORLD'S TONIC.**

**Plantation Bitters.**

**This wonderful vegetable restorative is the sheet-anchor of the feeble and debilitated. As a tonic and cordial for the aged and languid, it has no equal among stomachics. As a remedy for the nervous weakness to which women are especially subject, it is superseding every other stimulant. In all Climates, tropical, temperate, or frigid, it acts as a specific in every species of disorder which undermines the bodily strength and breaks down the animal spirits. For sale by all Druggists.**

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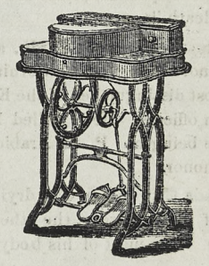


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These celebrated machines, having been greatly improved, are now unquestionably the very best in use for sewing the lightest fabrics or the heaviest cloth.

They have been well termed models of beauty and triumph of mechanical skill.

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—OF—

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The Company issues Policies on all the approved plans for **Life Endowment** now in use.

All Policies issued by this Company, are, by the laws of California, EXEMPT FROM ATTACHMENMT OR EXECUTION FOR DEBTS.

Policies are made non-forfeitable after two annual payments. All profits divided among the insured.

One-half of the annual premium loaned to the insured at any time when desired. Thirty days' grace allowed in the renewal of premiums.

This company offers to those who have paid up their premiums in cash for two or more years, the advantage of giving notes for the WHOLE AMOUNT OF THEIR ANNUAL PREMIUM, for a period, CORRESPONDING to the time paid all cash, by merely giving their note, and paying the interest in advance.

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The editor of the EXPOSITOR having been appointed agent of this substantial and well-established California Company, will be pleased to give any information on the subject of Life Insurance, and receive applications for policies in the Company.

Thos. F. Wetherspoon agent at Centerville, and Launcelot Gilroy, at Kingston, will receive applications in their vicinities. Oc12-6m

The Fresno Expositor

## MISCELLANY.

Here is the most dog-goned affectionate sample of amatory poetry that we have ever seen:

When old Carlo sits in Sally's chair,
Oh! don't I wish that I were there!
When her fairy fingers pat his head,
Oh! don't I wish 'twas me instead!
When Sally's arms his neck imprison,
Oh! don't I wish my neck was his'n!
When Sally kisses Carlo's nose,
Oh! don't I wish that I were those!

Recently a thief of the Mawworm type said to a judge on circuit, quite confidingly, "My lord, I really assure you I committed the theft in a weak moment—quite, indeed, against my own will, my lord, quite." "Oh! very well," said his lordship, "It is only right that you should have no cause for complaint. The offense will be met in a proper spirit. As you committed the act against your own will, you will be punished against your own will."

We commend the following exquisitely beautiful doggerel:

O the pup! the beautiful pup!
Drinking his milk from a china cup;
Lapping and licking the last drop up;
Now biting a flea, now gnawing a bone—
Running,
Jumping,
After the pony,
Beautiful pup! thou wilt soon be a bologna.

An ignorant man, unable to read or write, has lately died in Cincinnati, leaving an estate of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in steamboats and things. What a lesson this is to those who will fritter away their time learning to read and write, when they might be laying up steamboats for their heirs and assigns!

Oregon is called after a Mormon gentleman named O'Regan. It is chiefly noted for being the residence of "Lo, the poor Indian" and his family. They depend principally on scalping for a livelihood, and barely manage, by so doing, to "Make both ends meat."

The other day a little shaver was expatiating upon the injurious effects of tobacco. Said he, "The oil of tobacco is so poisonous that a single drop of it on the end of a dog's tail, will kill a man in a minute." The boy had got things slightly mixed.

A gentleman who was on his deathbed, surrounded by a conclave of physicians, appealed to them in piteous tones, "My dear sirs, whatever you do, please let me die a natural death."

Col. Erastus Sparrow Purdy, a son of ex-Governor Purdy, of California, is one of the most distinguished of the Khedive's American officers. He is called Bey Birdie, there being no P in Arabic, and is highly in honor.

A Nevada City miner was drying fifty pounds of giant powder, the other day, at a furnace. The most of his body was recovered.

A Michigander has been fined $15 for trying to choke his wife, just because she knocked him down with a stick of firewood, and brought him to with a bucketful of hot water.

Mrs. Asa Jones, of Iowa, who ran away with a vagabond affinity, has returned to her husband. He don't propose killing any veal for her.

How Panama Hats are Made.—The process of making Panama hats is as follows: The leaves of the pandamus, or seren pine; from which these hats are made, are gathered before they unfold, the ribs and coarser veins are removed, and the rest, without being separated from the base of the leaf, is reduced to shreds. After having been put in the sun for a day, and tied into a knot, the straw is immersed in boiling water until it becomes white. It is then hung up in a shady place, and subsequently bleached for two or three days, after which the straw is ready for use. The plaiting of the straw commences at the crown and finishes at the brim, and is a very troublesome operation. The hats are made on a block placed on the knees, and require to be constantly pressed with the breast. The coarser hat may be finished in two or three days, but the finest may require as many months.

New Mexican Antiquities.—A trader who has just returned to New Mexico from the region of the Little Colorado announces the discovery, near that stream, of a remarkable series of walled forts, built of solid masonry, united with cement, and each provided with bastions, ditches, etc., and containing in the centre a reservoir of water. These, he says, occupy the extreme edges of high points of jutting into the valley, and extending for a mile and a half along its course. In the bottom he found ruins of towers built of adobe, and traces of large irrigating ditches.

How borrowed things are often used is well exemplified in the case of a boy who was met on horseback crying with cold. Some one said to him, "Why don't you get down and lead your horse? That is the way to keep warm." "No," said the boy. "it's a b-b-borrowed hoss, and I'll ride him if I freeze."

## HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

Bermuda Grass.—Twenty years ago no country in the world was so prolific in natural growth of grass as California. The finest grazing country that ever was known, perhaps, was the valley of the Sacramento and adjacent tributaries. Cattle could then live and keep fat the year round. Wild oats, clover, red top, alfalfa, and a variety of other succulent grasses were indigenous to the soil, and grew luxuriantly. Now the whole face of the country is changed; the land has, in many places, been fenced and put in cultivation, and where the thousands of cattle roamed in undisturbed tranquility among blooming flowers, and lazily fattened on the most nutritious grasses, the land has been plowed and is covered with orchards, vineyards and waving fields of grain. The cattle, for want of proper range, have had to be driven to the mountains or enclosed in pastures kept for the purpose.

Since it has become necessary to provide for the sustenance of stock, some of our farmers are beginning to look around and try to find out what kind of pasture is the most profitable, and what kind of grass they shall sow. What is called Bermuda grass is said to be the best adapted to this climate, and the most nutritious at the same time. It is rather rare here as yet, but when its merits are fully known, will, no doubt, be extensively sown by our farmers for pasture use. We were shown a specimen of this grass a few days ago. It presents a remarkable appearance. It is about six inches in length and bears a head with seed something like timothy. It can be seen growing in the yard of Mr. Wise, on H street, near the park. We call attention, especially, to this grass, as it may be of interest to our farmers to know what is considered the best, and where a specimen can be seen.—*Sacramento Reporter.*

How to Cool Water.—At this season of the year a cool draught of water is a luxury which we may enjoy with a little care. By the following method, simple and inexpensive, water may be kept almost as cold as ice. Let a jar, pitcher or vessel used for water, be surrounded with one or more folds of coarse cotton, to be constantly wet; the evaporation of the water will carry off the heat from the inside, and reduce it to a low temperature. In India and other tropical countries, where ice cannot be procured, this expedient is common. Let every mechanic and laborer have at the place of his work two pitchers thus provided, and with lids or covers, one to supply water for the evaporation, and he can always have a supply of cold water in warm weather. Any person may test this by dipping a finger in water and holding it to the air on a warm day; after doing this two or three times he will find his finger uncomfortably cool. This plan will save the bill for ice, besides being more healthful. The free use of ice water often produces derangement of the internal organs; which, we conceive, is due to the property of the water independent of its coldness.

Hair Curling Liquid.—Take borax two ounces, gum arabic one drachm, and hot water (not boiling) one quart; stir, and as soon as the ingredients are dissolved add three tablespoonfuls of strong spirits of camphor. On retiring to rest, wet the hair with the above liquid and roll it in twists of paper as usual.

It is proposed in San Francisco to form a club to purchase a magnificent palace car recently built in that city, and present it to the President of the United States. A railroad is then to be laid from the East Room to the capitol and the several Executive Departments, with branch tracks to the residences of Mrs. Grant's intimate friends. Congress will be asked to make an appropriation for the execution of the work, including a subsidy of United States bonds of $30,000 to the mile. Secretary Robeson, whose position in the Navy Department gives him unlimited leisure, has applied for the situation of conductor. These statements are from the most unreliable source, and may be considered as eminently untrustworthy.

The phrase, "There is a skeleton in every house," (or closet) originated in this way: An English lady received from her son in India this singular request: "Pray, mother, get some one who has no cares and troubles to make me six shirts." The mother sought vainly for such a person. At last she applied to a lady who opened her closet door, and exhibited a skeleton hanging within. "My husband," she said, "compels me to kiss that every night; it is the skeleton of his rival, whom he killed in a duel. Think you I am happy?" The mother wrote that her search had been fruitless, and the son replied that he knew it would be. He further said that he was condemned to death, and would never see England again, and added: "Mother, mother, there is a skeleton in every house!"

Frugality may be termed the daughter of prudence, the sister of temperance and the parent of liberty. He that is extravagant will quickly become poor, and poverty will enforce dependence, and invite corruption.

Proposed Division of Texas.—The project of a division of Texas into several States has often been mooted. Now it seems to be again brought up in earnest. The Houston *Telegraph* suggests a plan for its division into three States and two Territories as follows: First, for three States. One of these is to be west of the Colorado and Trinity, and one east of the Trinity. Besides these three States, it proposes to cut off northwestern Texas by a line running from the mouth of the Big Vachita to the mouth of the Pecos on the Rio Grande. This is to be erected into two Territories, each as large as the State of Illinois, and each in all probability soon to have population enough for admission as States. When these Territories shall have become States, the present limits of Texas will embrace five States with ten Senators. This will be a vast increase of political power. Now that the war is over and emigration is rushing into Texas so rapidly, a division of its huge territory must take place at an early day. Its present size is nearly five times as great as that of New York or Pennsylvania.

Ed. W——, is one of the accommodating conductors on a road not far from New York. One day he had quite a heavy load coming into Utica. All handed over their tickets promptly except one fat old lady, who sat next the door, and who seemed to be reaching down as if to get something she had dropped on the floor. When her time came to pay she raised her head, and thus addressed the blushing conductor: "I allers, when I travels, carry my money in my stockin'; for, you sees, nothin' can git at it thar, and I'd thank you, young man, jest to reach it for me, as I'm so jemmed in I can't git to it. I forgot to get a ticket at the depot." Ed. glanced at the other passengers, some of whom were laughing at his plight; one or two young ladies among them blushed scarlet, and he beat a hasty retreat muttering something about not charging old ladies. His cash was short that trip the fare of one passenger.

A Good Crop.—Although the grain crop is very short in San Joaquin county, the candidate crop is looking fine, for we believe that every third man there—Democratic and Republican—is out for some county office or other. They stand thick and some of them are "pretty well headed."—*Amador Ledger.*


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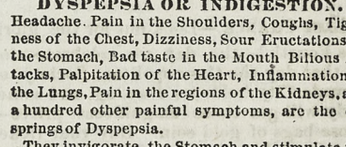

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